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(*Yes, there was no* Smith's Report *in February. I expect the benefits of this lapse in scheduling to become substantially evident in the April issue of* SR.)

The **Campus Project** has it's ducks all in a row. The first ads are running in student newspapers. Students are flyering at two campuses where the ad was rejected. The log-ons to the **CODOH Web-site** are increasing in number. The site itself is growing and is increasingly well designed. New volunteers have associated themselves with the Project. A big controversy over (of course) pornography and now revisionism has hit the Internet and the press. And, happily, the Simon Wiesenthal Center (of course) is attempting once more to mislead media about where its interests lie in this controversy. The more things change, the more they stay the same, to coin a phrase.

I'm not speculating any longer, not working in the dark. I know now how things work on the campus, what to expect, both the good and the bad. I know how it works with media, what needs to be accomplished to get its attention and how to use it when I get it. I no longer have to invent the wheel all over again with each new academic year. And now the Project is sustainable in a way it has never been before.

We have a permanent presence now where students, faculty, administration, the great middle class of ordinary Americans, and the running-dog media can always find us. We're on the Internet, we have our own World Wide Web site, which in effect is a publishing site, and unless some earth shattering disaster takes place, we're there for good. I'm not going to have to invent something to take the place of the Internet and our WWW site at the start of the next academic year. It's there now, it will be there then, and will be there the year after and the year after. We're on our way to becoming an institution and the universities and colleges, and the media and The Lobby are all going to have to deal with us.

I've been through it now with the vagaries of the campus thought police, the work-a-day fragility of faculty idealism with regard to intellectual freedom, and the administration's concerns over risking an interruption of corporate funding over something so uninteresting as a free press for students. I'm not going to get very many surprises down the road, and those I do get are not going to be very disappointing. With respect to the Campus Project, I've left disappointment behind.

Below is the modest but crafty (heh, heh) ad that is running in the *Daily Californian* at **University of California at Berkeley**, the Titan News at **California State University at Fullerton**, and in the *Eccentric Monthly*, the independent newspaper which is distributed to **Virginia Tech**, **Radford University**,

46 REVISIONIST QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE WORLD WAR TWO "GAS CHAMBERS"
FREE on the World Wide Web
http://www.valleynet.com/~brsmith
By mail: $2 to "CODOH" POB 3267 Visalia CA 93278

Roanoke College, New River Community College and **Hollins College**, all in central Virgina.. As of this writing the ad is submitted to 16 additional campuses and may be running in a couple of them by the time you have this in your hand. The ad is submitted to run one day each week for five or six weeks, which gives me time to judge what is happening on campus. (If you live in the vicinity of any of the above campuses, please monitor the papers involved and send me clippings of any reaction to publication of the ad that appears. Don't think the other guy will do it. *He's not going to do it!*

The ad manager for the *Independent* at **Northeastern University** in Chicago said the paper

would run the ad but the next day when our man Bill Christianson picked up a copy of the paper the ad wasn't in it. He called the paper and found that the editor had pulled the ad at the last moment because the *Independent* didn't want to associate itself with what it now judged to be anti-Jewish propaganda. One always wants to know who got to the editor in these situations but it's difficult to get to the bottom of them without spending a lot of time on the telephone which, with the time constraints on me, is impossible.

The very best news is that now when we create a story in the media, we don't disappear with that day's edition of the newspaper, or that night's televised news broadcast or talk show. We're there all the time, week days and week ends. Day and night. Any professor, any reporter, no matter how scared he or she might be, can retreat to the privacy, even the secrecy, of his office and call up the CODOH Web-site and read materials available very few places, and in some cases no other place at all. And he will find out about the Institute for Historical Review as well, and Ernst Zuendel's Web site. We're not up there in a vacuum. We reference all those who should be referenced.

Even after the tremendous loses in key support I suffered during the last half of 1994. I can run the above ad, on average, for $12 to $18 per insertion. If I run it initially one time each week for five weeks, that's $60 to $90 -- *total* -- creating a presence on that campus for five weeks! It's not only the people who will see the ad itself, but those who will hear about it through word of mouth. And hear about it -- and hear about it. And each person who visits the site can download (copy) anything and everything that's there -- *Free!* A real reward waits for everyone who goes to the CODOH Web-site.

When I tentatively started up the Campus Project in 1989 / 90 with small classified ads announcing access to revisionist scholarship, I could offer a PO Box and flyers announcing revisionist books which were available for sale. I knew right away, from the near hysterical reaction of the Other Side, that I was on to something. Then in April 91 I ran the first full page ad in the *Daily Northwestern* at Evanston Illinois. That's when the Project began to take giant steps forward and we began getting with the Project.

The down side was that, for me, it was tremendously expensive. It was the most successful revisionist media project we had seen in the U.S. of A., but I had to raise an awful lot of money, considering my very limited resources, to carry it out. I could spend as much as $1,400 (U. Georgia) and even $1,700 (U. Texas) to run a full page ad, which would cause a wonderful hullabaloo with revisionism and revisionist headlines in the news some days for weeks on end, after which I would typically have no further access to the paper where the ad had run. At the same time, those who read the ad had no way to understand how much revisionist research lay behind it. Those who were familiar with revisionist research had no simple or immediate way to get such information to others on campus so that a meaningful debate could proceed.

All that is changed now. $1,700 would run the ad I'm using now ***every week for a year and ten months!*** Today, when a student reads the ad and notes the Web address, he can go to it and download everything there, including papers the gassing chambers by Fritz Berg, Robert Faurisson, Andrew Allen, James J. Martin, David Cole, Carlo Mattogno, Carlos Porter and others. Now there can be an *immediate pay-off* when our ad is read.

That's not to say there won't be problems. In SR 28 (November 95) I reported on how the idea of this particular ad and ad campaign came to me while standing at the bar in the Main Street Diner here in Visalia and how the ad was already running in the *Diamondback* at the **University of Maryland**, a suburb of Washington D.C. I was happy. After the ad ran twice, advertising called to say that there had been too many complaints about it and it had been pulled. The fellow who called said the ad was causing too much "pain" on the university campus. He then dropped an aside about how he had personally lost relatives in the Holocaust.

There will be many rejections along the way, some papers which chose to publish will get in trouble with The Lobby and will decide to pull the ad which they had previously contracted to run, but in the big picture it isn't going to matter. Plenty of schools will run the ad, the other side will not be able to just let it slide, they'll make a fuss, they'll do it the wrong way (there is no right way), and the media will pick up on the story. This time we have *the whole world* cornered between a modest advertisement in student newspapers and the CODOH Web-site on the Internet.

One campus where the ad was rejected is **Pierce College** in Tacoma Washington. The editor of the *Pioneer* called to say that there had been racial incidents at the campus and if they ran a revisionist ad

the community might think there were skinheads or nazis at Pierce as well as racists. The editorial board had decided to reject the ad for being "unsuitable." But this time we have people on the ground there. A student at Pierce who found me through the Internet has volunteered to help. He has friends. That makes all the difference. Now he and his friends are flyering the campus with our response to the action of the editorial board. We don't know what will come of it. One thing we do know is that the story isn't finished at Pierce until we say it's finished.

How much traffic is on the CODOH Web-site? We have only begun a sustained promotional campaign with the press over the last couple weeks. Nevertheless that, together with word of mouth, has brought about a steady increase in the number of log-ons (visits) to the site. Here are the numbers to date:

November	988 visits
December	1,744 visits
January	2,518 visits

That's the kind of progress we have made while we were working just to set up the site, ignoring most of the promotional tools available to us.

I want to thank those of you who expressed sympathy and concern for my wife in response to our Christmas letter. Some of you have sent personal notes to her, others have written expressing concern that we have not investigated alternative methods of treating breast cancer. I have some concern about that too, but in the context of where we live, how quickly we believed we should act, my ignorance of cancer therapies both orthodox and alternative and thus my inability to judge them promptly, how much money we had access to, how we would cope with my Mother who is an invalid herself, and our nine-year-old being in school -- we made what looked to us at the time to be the most sensible decision. I suppose time will tell.

Meanwhile, Irene is doing well, the prognosis is good, and she is in touch with a number of women in Visalia who have had cancer similar to hers and survived and are doing well themselves. It's kind of interesting to listen in on some of the pow wows they have here at the house or by telephone. It's like listening to old veterans, home from the front now, sitting around telling war stories, comforting each other and laughing at the same time and telling the most grizzly stories they know.

Contributions to the Project dropped sharply in January. It crossed my mind when I was writing the Christmas letter that I might be doing the wrong thing, that it would be bad for business, that I should choose something else to write about. It would be only natural for some of those who received the letter to wonder, with all that other stuff on my mind, whether I would be able to keep up with the Project, or whether I might not just get out of it for the time being until things are straightened out at home. There was no guarantee that contributions addressed to the Project would not be siphoned off to pay medical bills. While no one would think that criminal of me, at the same time most of my readers would consider my medical bills as one thing -- we all have them -- and contributions to the Project another. And as a matter of fact, how *was* I going to pay my medical bills?

I have never had never medical insurance. The first of last year, 1995, when I was maybe at the nadir of my financial life in Visalia, when I didn't know which was I was going to turn, I began hearing a voice telling me to get medical insurance. I couldn't hear the voice, it was more like I was aware of hearing it, and it kept reminding me I had to get medical insurance. I began to feel a small tide of anxiety building up in me. I didn't have money to spend on insurance or on anything else and I was living off credit cards and going into debt very quickly. At the same time I was aware of hearing the voice tell me again and again to buy medical insurance and finally the anxiety became so intense I rang up a neighbor who is an insurance agent and we had lunch and he sold me a policy which I determined to pay for one way or another. It would cost $330 every two months for Irene, Magaly, and Paloma. I didn't put myself on the policy because if something happens to me I'll make my way to the veterans hospital in Fresno, an hour's drive from where we live.

I bought the Blue Cross policy in February, it became effective in March, and Irene was diagnosed with cancer in July. The policy pays 80 percent of the total bills, which are maybe $15,000 now. We're putting our own 20 percent of those costs on a credit card, which I'm paying on at so much a month.

I'm telling you all this, considerably more than you probably want to know, to reassure you that while I do have a special financial burden -- like many of you have who receive this letter -- it is not overwhelming

the Project or distracting me so that I can not take care of it and take it out into the world. If you have hesitated in contributing because you were half afraid that your contribution would be sopped up by something other than the Project, I want to assure you that that is not happening.

Everything is going our way now. The great censorship confrontation on the Internet (it began with pornography and quickly moved against Ernst Zuendel's Web-site and revisionism) and the coalescing of free-press organizations to fight against President Clinton's "Communications Decency Act" (which is considerably more complicated and dangerous than is yet understood by the public) will work to our favor. The readership of our publishing site on the World Wide Web is growing steadily, as is the site itself. Richard Widmann and David Thomas are handling all the technical and much of the editorial work for the site. The CODOH advertisements are beginning to appear in student newspapers, students are volunteering to help distribute flyers on campus. I know the Other Side is monitoring everything, ready to pounce the moment something starts to get out of control, but then so am I. In short, it's the best of all possible worlds.

"The Holocaust Controversy: The Case for Open Debate" is enclosed with this report as a leaflet. This is the text of the full-page advertisement that ran in some of the most important university newspapers in the land. This **1996 updated version** of the leaflet announces the CODOH World Wide Web-site, as well as the availability of 46 Unanswered Questions about the "gassing chambers." I encourage you to send copies of this leaflet to radio, TV, the print press, college papers, and to individuals who you think might be interested in revisionism, or should be. Help me get out the news of CODOH's Internet Web-site.

We have a new concept for The Campus Project, which has become doable in a way it never was before. We have a very modest advertisement to run in student newspapers. Because it's small, it's inexpensive. But the ad announces a publishing site that is *anything but small.* The information on the site is available to everyone in America, Europe and indeed to everyone on the planet who is computer literate or has a friend who is. That includes nearly all college and university students anywhere in the world, their professors and those who administer the professors.

David Irving's introduction to his soon-to-be published *Goebbels: Mastermind of the Third Reich,* is available on the CODOH Web-site. As is David Cole's *46 Unanswered Questions About the World War II "Gas Chambers."* Students and everyone else can print out articles and press clips on "Zionism, Stalinism and the Holocaust," "Gas Chambers and Gas Vans;" the "Thought Crimes Archives," Nuremberg and Other War Crimes Trials."

The Internet has a tremendous reach, and it's cheap! A $100 contribution pays for the new CODOH ad in one student newspaper once a week for five weeks or more. $200 pays for it to run for 10 weeks or longer. If you want to run the ad at a particular campus, tell me which one and we'll take care of it. (Those of you who have already offered to pay for the ad to run at a particular campus will hear from me within 15 days.) We're at an important turning point. This time when we open the door to the campus and media, it's going to remain open. There will be no way for the Other Side to close it. It's a new ball game.

Until next month.

Smith's Report is sent free to those who help with financial support, who monitor the press (including the college press) and send me relevant clippings, or who provide me with other kinds of information or help. If I hear from you, you'll hear from me. If you *should* hear from me but don't -- complain to Robin.

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